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POST OFFICES IN RURAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes participation of post offices in making rural schemes successful as reported in 'Dainik Jagaran' dated January 27, 2006;

(b) if so, whether the payment of wages to labourers under rural schemes will be made through post offices;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the number of post offices against one lakh people in the country including Jharkhand?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) The Department of Posts has discussed with Ministry of Rural Development a proposal for making payment of wages to labourers under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005 through Post Offices. Details will be worked out only after Department of Posts is entrusted with the work of payment of wages under NREGA.

(d) Postal Circle wise number of Post Offices against one lakh people including Jharkhand is given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

CIRCLE-WISE NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AGAINST ONE LAKH POPULATION AS ON 31.3.2005

Sl. No.	Circles	Total No. of Post Offices	No. of Post Offices against one lakh population
1	Andhra Pradesh	16191	21
2	Assam	4006	15
3	Bihar	9054	11
4	Chhattisgarh	3125	15
5	Delhi	577	4
6	Gujarat	8928	18
	Daman, D.N. Haveli	57	15
7	Haryana	2649	13
8	Himachal Pradesh	2780	46
9	Jammu & Kashmir	1690	17
10	Jharkhand	3049	11
11	Karnataka	9877	19
12	Kerala	5068	16
	Lakshdweep	14	23
13	Madhya Pradesh	8345	14
14	Maharashtra	12703	13
	Goa	258	19
15	North East		
	Arunachal Pradesh	303	28
	Manipur	698	29
	Meghalaya	493	21
	Mizoram	405	46
	Nagaland	328	16
	Tripura	717	22
16	Orissa	8161	22
17	Punjab	3960	16
18	Rajasthan	10442	18
19	Tamil Nadu	12101	19
	Pondicherry	95	10
20	Uttaranchal	2721	32

21	Uttar Pradesh	17658	11
22	West Bengal	8752	11
	A. & N. Islands	101	28
	Sikkim	210	39
	Total #	155516	15#

All India Average based on 2001 census.